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Chapter ___. Organizational and other matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Oceans and Seas and on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States met in New York from 1 to 5 March 1999, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1998/295 of 31 July 1998. The Working Group held ___ meetings (1st to ___ meetings).

2. The meeting was opened by the temporary Chairman, George Talbot (Guyana), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by representatives of ___ States members of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for the European Community, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and secretariats of treaty bodies, as well as observers for intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, also attended.

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C. Election of officers

4. At the 1st meeting, on 1 March, the Working Group elected by acclamation John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda) and Alan Simcock (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) as Co-Chairmen.

D. Agenda and organization of work

5. At the same meeting, after statements by the Co-Chairman, the representative of Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group) and the representative of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Working Group adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document E/CN.17/ISWG.II/1999/1 and approved its organization of work. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Oceans and seas.
4. Sustainable development of small island developing States.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report of the Working Group.

E. Documentation

6. The Working Group had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on oceans and seas (E/CN.17/1999/4);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (E/CN.17/1999/6):

(i) Climate change and sea level rise (E/CN.17/1999/6/Add.1);

(ii) Waste management in small island developing States (E/CN.17/1999/6/Add.2);

(iii) Freshwater in small island developing States (E/CN.17/1999/6/Add.3);

(iv) Land resources in small island developing States (E/CN.17/1999/6/Add.4);

(v) Biodiversity resources in small island developing States (E/CN.17/1999/6/Add.5);

(vi) National institutions and administrative capacity in small island developing States (E/CN.17/1999/6/Add.6);

(vii) Regional institutions and technical cooperation for the sustainable development of small island developing States (E/CN.17/1999/6/Add.7);

(viii) Science and technology in small island developing States (E/CN.17/1999/6/Add.8);

(ix) Human resource development in small island developing States (E/CN.17/1999/6/Add.9);

(x) Management of coastal and marine resources in small island developing States (E/CN.17/1999/6/Add.10 and Corr.1);

(xi) Sustainable tourism development in small island developing States (E/CN.17/1999/6/Add.11);

(xii) Sustainable development of energy resources in small island developing States (E/CN.17/1999/6/Add.12);

(xiii) Telecommunications development in small island developing States (E/CN.17/1999/6/Add.14);

(xiv) Sustainable development of air transport in small island developing States (E/CN.17/1999/6/Add.15);

(xv) Maritime transport in small island developing States (E/CN.17/1999/6/Add.16);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: current donor activities (E/CN.17/1999/7).